

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman; and
Robert G. Taub

Market Dominant Product Prices
Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements
with Foreign Postal Operators
China Post Group – United States Postal Service
Multi-Product Bilateral Agreement (MC2010-35)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. R2013-2

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO EXISTING AGREEMENT

(Issued January 16, 2014)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire February 28, 2014.¹ The Postal Service seeks to extend the Existing Agreement pursuant to an Amendment executed by the Postal Service and China Post Group.²

The Amendment extends the expiration date of the Existing Agreement until April 30, 2014. Motion at 1.

¹ Order No. 1908, Order Approving Amendment to Existing Agreement, December 17, 2013. See also Order No. 1883, Order Approving Amendment to Existing Agreement, November 20, 2013.

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Amendment Four to Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with China Post Group), January 13, 2014 (Motion), at Attachment 1 (Amendment).

The Postal Service states that its intent was to file the successor agreement by January 14, 2014, providing the Commission with at least 45 days to complete its review. *Id.* at 2; see also 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d)(1)(C). However, it also states that current negotiations will continue beyond January 14, 2014. Motion at 2. Therefore, the Postal Service requests that the Commission continue to list the Existing Agreement in the Mail Classification Schedule according to the new expiration date set forth in the Amendment. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Amendment is approved and the Existing Agreement, as amended, is authorized to continue through April 30, 2014. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion for Temporary Relief, filed January 13, 2014, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement, as amended, is authorized to continue through April 30, 2014.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary